(b) and (c) DMRC has no policy to provide employment to the dependents of the persons who die due to accidents at its construction sites. There is no such practice followed by contractors also.

Financial assistance to Metro Rail projects

3002. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought financial assistance from Union Government for construction of proposed Metro Rail network in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of assistance sought;

(c) whether Government has examined the proposal of the State Government;

(d) if so, the amount of financial assistance to be provided to the State;

(e) whether any policy/guidelines have been formulated in this regard for extending financial assistance to similar Metro Rail projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh for Hyderabad Metro Rail (MRTS) project was granted in principle, approval for grant of Viability Gap Funding of Rs. 2362.88 crore for a total project cost of Rs. 11,814 crore under the Scheme for Financial Support to Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure on 30th July, 2008. The Financial Bid was opened by Government of Andhra Pradesh and the lowest bidder offered payments during different stages of Concession Period and did not seek any Grant. There would be 10% negative grant on the Project cost and the project is not entitled to the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support. Government of Andhra Pradesh awarded the project to lowest bidder.

(e) and (f) Government of India is at present running two schemes which can support taking up of Metro Projects on Public Private Partnership (PPP):—

(1) **India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF)** : The scheme is available for financial support for developing metro PPP projects; and

(2) **Scheme for Financial Support to Public Private Partnerships in infrastructure — Viability Gap Funding (Plan)** : The scheme is to provide financial support as Viability Gap Funding for enhancing viability of the project.

Quality of urban life

3003. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: